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FM AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1930

AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: GW CZ, ASEC,

SUBJ: HIJACKING OF CZECH JET TO FRANKFURT

1. IN THE THIRD INCIDENT OF ITS KIND SINCE OCTOBER 1977 A  
HIJACKED CZECH ILYUJIN 18 JET WITH 35 PASSENGERS AND 4 CREW  
MEMBERS LANDED AT FRANKFURT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT 19:35  
LOCAL TIME MAY 10. THE PLANE WAS ENROUTE FROM PRAGUE TO BRNO,  
CZECHSLOVAKIA WHEN IT WAS FORCED TO DIVERT TO FRANKFURT BY  
JOSEF KATRINCAK WHO THREATENED TO SET OFF EXPLOSIVES. AUTHORITIES  
STATED THAT THE 2 KG. OF EXPLOSIVES CARRIED IN AN ATTACHE CASE  
WERE HARMLESS AS THEY CONTAINED NO DETONATOR.

2. KATRINCAK, AGED 27, SOUGHT FROM THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES  
POLITICAL ASYLUM FOR HIMSELF, HIS WIFE ANNA AND TWO CHILDREN  
AND FOR HIS COLLEAGUE RADOMIR SEBESTA. THEY WERE TAKEN INTO  
CUSTODY IN FRANKFURT BY THE POLICE. ACCORDING TO A NEWSPAPER  
REPORT KATRINCAK WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT HE WAS LIABLE  
TO ARREST BY GERMAN LAW.

3. THE OTHER PASSENGERS WISHED TO RETURN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE FRANKFURT POLICE HAS SOUGHT ASSURANCES  
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FROM THE CZECH EMBASSY THAT WITNESSES WOULD BE AVILABLE FOR  
QUESTIONING AFTER THEIR RETURN. THE AIRCRAFT WITH CREW AND  
REMAINING PASSENGERS DEPARTED FRANKFURT THE MORNING OF MAY 11  
TO RETURN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE CZECH AUTHORITIES ARE SEEKING  
THE EXTRADITION OF THE HIJACKERS.

4. AS REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY PHONE ON THE LATE EVENING

OF MAY 10 LOCAL TIME,THERE WAS NO AMCITS ON BOARD OR OTHERWISE  
INVOLVED.LEHMANN

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